The property we want to save.

It is more than a question of dollars and cents—our honor as a church will rise or fall with this action.

ASHLAND COLLEGE.

THE BEGINNING OR THE END.

On or about the 1st of June, 1888, Ashland College is to be disposed of by the Receiver, into whose hands it was placed in accordance with an agreement entered into by the present board of Trustees, who represent the Brethren Church, and the ex-Trustees who are also financially involved. This agreement provides that representatives of the Brethren Church shall take or purchase the College property for $20,000. To prepare for this, brethren here at Ashland have taken out new articles of incorporation that the institution would be purely the property of the Brethren, if purchased as arranged. Since then canvassers have been in the field, and have raised further subscriptions, and carefully inquired about the prompt payment of the conditional securities held by the Trustees, and they have concluded that it is not safe to depend upon more than about ($10,000) ten thousand dollars of that. Letters of inquiry have been sent to all who are holding those notes in the different churches, and from the replies a reliable footing can be made. The fact remains however that a large sum must yet be raised.

Faithfulness to our brethren who have zealously labored to sustain the College, and loyalty to our cause, demand us to make ONE MORE, AND A FINAL EFFORT TO SAVE THE INSTITUTION. And every member, pastor and church of the Brethren in the United States is invited and urged to use as much of the following program as can be made practicable.

PROGRAM.

1. All the Sabbath Schools of the church shall take up a collection for the College on Lord's Day, May 20th, 1888.

2. All pastors or ministers and others having the oversight of churches shall present the College matter, on Pentecost day, May 20th, 1888, and take up subscriptions for the purpose of purchasing and saving the College; and if no services are held on that day, to do so on May 27th, 1888.

3. Let every church and Sabbath School appoint two or more, full of zeal for the cause, to visit all absent ones who might and should subscribe, and present to them a subscription paper, and invite them to assist.

4. A College Convention will be held at Ashland College, May 31st, 1888, when all subscriptions and securities and funds in hand, will be examined by the delegates and Board of Trustees, and if the aggregate is sufficient to warrant it, the College will be purchased.

5. Sabbath Schools and churches shall appoint delegates to attend the College Convention, who shall bring the subscriptions and the amount of collections with them, and submit them for examination. Where churches cannot arrange to send delegates, the subscriptions and the amount of collections should be sent to the Brethren Pub. House, or to some one who will attend.

The Annual College Commencement and Graduation exercises will take place on Thursday evening, May 31st, 1888, and that will be an interesting occasion. The delegates and all others who feel an interest in the cause of education in the Brethren church are cordially requested to be present and take part in the College Convention, Thursday, May 31st, 1888, and attend the Commencement exercises in the evening.

A Sound and Earnest Plea.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I feel like trying to write something or say something that will have some influence on the Brotherhood and cause them to stop and think a moment before they allow Ashland College to go out of our hands.

One thing is certain, if we do not keep it, we may as well hang up any hopes we now have of drawing the intelligent portion of the young people to us. It will stamp us as behind all other religious societies in the matter of education, it will bring discredit on us from all sides as being unable to raise a paltry twenty thousand dollars towards the maintenance of a school wherein to train our young ministers. Our doctrine is very good but it is not so good but that we must have faithful defenders and men able to take their places beside the learned of all creeds. And we cannot afford to risk our success by sending our young people to other schools for their education. This almost invariably results in their joining the sect that controls the school that educates them and I cannot blame them, for these schools all foster their pupils and will give them the benefit of their prestige in starting them in life in whatever position they may choose to fill and more especially is this the case, if their choice of church homes happens to be the same as that controlling the school.

This very fact has drained the old G. B. church of all their brightest and best men. Did I care to mention names, I could fill a column with the names of prominent men here in Dayton who were raised in the old church but are now in other denominations, doing heroic work for their chosen church that might have been bestowed on their father's church, had it been progressive enough to give them the opportunity to do so. At the same hotel where I stop here, is a young man from Dunker parents that is trustee of one of the most prominent churches here and is in every way a successful man in his chosen profession although but young in years.

Now are we to allow this thing to continue, if we are, I feel like following the example of the young man above mentioned and seek a more congenial place for work.

There is no use in mincing matters. There are men in this Valley who ought each one of them pay one-fourth of this debt and feel none the worse for having done so.

Now I will close by saying that if you let Ashland Coellge go, make up your mind to lose half of your brightest young men and to make less progress in the next ten than you have in the last five years' some things that do not seem to be so large at first have far-reaching consequences. Twenty thousand dollars is not much to any one but to the man who is more wedded to his dollars than to his God or to his church, but this will do more good now than ten times as much will in ten years when we have once let the disgrace of failure rest upon us.

A reputation once lost is ten times harder to recover than it would have been to retain it unspotted.

Now I beg of you, don't let this matter go by default, but let every one put his shoulder to the wheel and lift what he can.

V. E. WAMPLER.

The line of life is a ragged diagonal between duty and desire.—R. W. Alger.

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Here is a weighty letter. A few hundred like this would rattle the old debt all to pieces:

Enclosed please find draft for $12.25 as donation for the College debt:

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Maud Mikesell,	50
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Simon Nealy Mikesell,	25
	$12.25

and I believe if every family in the Brotherhood would give what they could the debt would soon be paid.

SIMON MIKESELL.

Troy, Ohio.

We like the sound of this letter:

I am rejoiced to know that the College matter is adjusted, and that it is assuming safe conditions. When I get my working harness on again I will do for it what I can.

J. B. LAIR.

Olatha, Kansas.

Here is another brother who prays and works too:

I am real glad to hear that we can save the College, if we try. Try, try again, when it sends out such men as Bro. Allen Miller, for it seems almost impossible for a man to do so well in such a short time.

A. J. FISHTORN.

Bunker Hill, Ind.

Bro. A. K. Brown has a word to say to the Brethren about the College:

Now brethren and sisters I write this under protest, as I have heard some of the brethren say that they were tired of hearing College, College, all the time. Now, if we do not like to hear the College cry of distress, let each one call himself a committee of one to do something to liquidate the debt. Then it will not grate so harshly in our ears if we hear the word College, when the debt is paid and the school in a prosperous condition. This *can be and will be*, if every one will do what he can. Remember this is the business of every member of the Brethren church, and every member ought to feel that they are each one just as liable for the debt on the College as the trustees are, only that the law holds the trustees for the money because they are the servants of the church. If this is divided among the brotherhood it will not distress any one. And the burden will be easily borne if all will lift their best.

Now let each church raise what it can. Let some brother or sister, or what would be better, every brother and sister in each church see that their church is thoroughly canvassed.

A. K. BROWN.

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Ashland College Purchasing Fund.

Subscription blanks with the above title have been sent out, and if there is any brother sister or S. S. worker who will try to do something and have no blanks, he can write one. The form is as follows:

We, the undersigned, subscribe to the Ashland College Purchasing Fund, the sums set opposite our names below, which we promise to pay in money and in instilment notes, with interest at six per cent from June 30th, 1888, to the order of the Treasurer of Ashland, College.

MARRIED.

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